

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

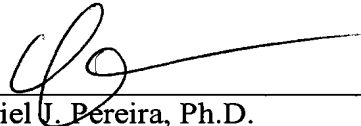
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1-17, 30, and 32-38 are allowed. These are the remaining active claims.

The rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph is no longer applicable as the rejected claims have been cancelled.

A Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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